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SUBJECT: NATO AEW - NADREP DISCUSSION ON APRIL 4, 1977

1. ASYG (DEFENSE SUPPORT) LABERGE OPENED THE APRIL 4  
MEETING OF NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS' REPRESENTATIVES  
(NADREPS) WITH A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF WHERE THE NATO AEW  
PROGRAM WAS HEADED AS A RESULT OF THE UK DECISION TO PRO-  
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CEED WITH THEIR NIMROD PROGRAM.

2. LABERGE SAID THAT IN FOUR WEEKS HE EXPECTS TO HAVE  
A PAPER WHICH DISCUSSES A RESTRUCTURED PROGRAM AND CON-  
TAINS ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF ACCOMPLISHING THE NATO AEW  
GOAL. IN ADDITION, HE EXPECTS THAT A PROGRESS REPORT  
ON NATO AEW WILL BE MADE TO THE MAY MEETING OF DEFENSE  
MINISTERS.

3. LABERGE SAID THAT NIMROD LOOKS LIKE IT CAN BE COM-

PATIBLE WITH AWACS. TO THIS, THE UK NADREP REPLIED THAT THE UK IS PREPARING A PAPER ON INTEROPERABILITY BETWEEN NIMROD AND AWACS WHICH WILL BE READY IN TWO WEEKS. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE UK IS WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN OTHER DISCUSSIONS ON THE ENTIRE NATO AEW PROBLEM.

4. THE NETHERLANDS NADREP ASKED IF THE JULY 1 DATE FOR A NATO AEW PROGRAM DECISION WAS STILL VALID. LABERGE REPLIED THAT IT WAS A DPC DECISION AND THEREFORE A COMMITMENT. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN SYG LUNS AND THE FRENCH INDICATED THAT A FRENCH DECISION WAS NEEDED BY MID-JUNE. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT LABERGE WAS REFERRING TO A LUNS LETTER TO THE FRENCH DELEGATION AT NATO. END COMMENT.

5. THE NETHERLANDS NADREP ALSO ASKED IF THE NEW PROGRAM PLAN WILL INCLUDE A NEW REVIEW BY THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES. LABERGE REPLIED THAT THE FIRST EMPHASIS WILL BE ON THE FINANCIAL FEASIBILITY OF THE PROGRAM. TO THIS END, HE SAID THAT FINANCIAL EXPERTS WILL PROBABLY WANT TO MEET IN ABOUT FOUR WEEKS TO DISCUSS THE ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS. LABERGE SAID HE HOPED TO CIRCULATE A SCHEDULE OF FUTURE AWACS MEETINGS BY THE END OF THIS WEEK. STRAUZ-HUPE

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